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Rocky Carlisle, Executive Officer The Honorable Shirley Horton California State Assembly PO Box 942849 Sacramento, California 94249-0001

Dear Assembly Member Horton:

I am writing on behalf of the California Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee in support of Assembly Bill 578 in its current form. Your bill requires that the Bureau of Automotive Repair, in collaboration with the California Air Resources Board conduct a public and open discussion regarding the impact of increasing the number of vehicles directed to Test-Only stations for a Smog Check inspection.

This bill provides decision makers with a process by which they can follow rules of engagement with the public and all affected parties. Under this provision, any increase in the number of vehicles directed to Test-Only stations would be required to meet the same tests of adoption that programs such as Carl-Moyer currently have to meet. In this context, staff would present information to the affected parties regarding anticipated emission reductions, costs and impacts to the automotive industry and consumers. The information would be open to public review and discussion while decision makers are present and listening.

Currently, the decision to increase the number of vehicles directed to Test-Only stations is completely removed from public review. This bill includes the public in this important decision making process.

If we can be of any assistance as this bill progresses through the Legislature, please contact our Executive Officer at (916) 322-8249. Thank you for your efforts to improve this very important clean air program for all Californians.

Sincerely,

Victor Weisser Chairman